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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Leo J. CAMPBELL et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2134  
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Application No.: 09/675,677 ) Examiner: BROWN, Christopher J.  
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Filed: September 29, 2000 )  
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 1495  
AUTHENTICATING AN )  
ELECTRONIC MESSAGE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement mailed July 17, 2007, the period for reply having been extended through December 17, 2007, by a Petition for Extension of Time of four months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

In the Office communication, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group 1: claims<sup>1</sup> 1-6, 8-15, and 20-26, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to generating an electronic postmark by an authentication server and forwarding the electronic postmark to a recipient;

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants note that claim 7 was cancelled in a prior response.

Group 2: claims 16-19 and 46, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a client generating an electronic postmark and sending an authentication request to the authentication server;

Group 3: claims 27-31, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an authentication server generating an electronic postmark and a digital signal, and exporting the public digital key to an authenticator for authorizing; and

Group 4: claims 42-45, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for authenticating an electronic message comprising a client from end, a client proxy, an authentication server, a recipient proxy, and a recipient front end.

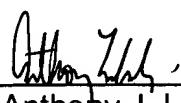
In reply, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1: claims 1-6, 8-15, and 20-26, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 11, 2007

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